5:03 Call to Order and First Roll Call

Senators Present: Natalie Morris (SCS), Thomas Tuttle (SCS, 1.5 absence), Eric Wu (SCS), William Zhang (SCS, 1 proxy, .5 absence), Rohan Agashe (CIT, 1 absence), Brandon Chock (CIT), Bryan Lewis (CIT, .5 absence), Matthew Hwang (CIT, .5 absence), Diane Lee (CIT, 1.5 absence, .5 proxy), Matthew Kuhn (CIT, 1 proxy, 1 absence), Robert Piston Jr. (CIT), Keshav Raghavan (CIT, 2 proxy), Jessica Santana (CIT), Sonali Shah (CIT, 1.5 absence), Jonathan Mark (CFA), Jarrett Adams (HSS, .5 absence), Eduardo J. Benatuiil (HSS, 2 absence), Yael Bushoy (HSS, .5 proxy, 1.5 absence), Nikhil Iyer (HSS, 1.5 absence), Meghan Nahass (HSS, 1 proxy, 2 absence), Bassem Mikhael (BHA/BSA/SHS, .5 absence), Starsha Kolodziej (MCS, .5 absence), Michael Yang (MCS, .5 absence), Stacey Lu (CFA, 1 absence), Jon Mark (CFA, 2 absence), Akshay Udiavar (CFA, 3 absence), Toro Adeyemi (TSB, 2 absence), Stephanie Schneider (TSB, 2 proxy, 1 absence)

Senators Absent: Jake Flittner (CIT, 1.5 absence), Members-at-Large Present: Rutwik Parikh (CIT)

5:00 Call to Order and First Roll Call
5:10 Approval of Agenda/Minutes from 10/1/09
5:10 Audience Participation
5:10 Committee Reports

Academic Affairs (Bassem Mikhael)
- Met with a University point person for advising
- Make a file for each student—piloting a program
- Will be an advising sac
- C@CM will be all online beginning in 2010

Business Affairs (Jake Fittner)
- No report.

Campus Life (Jarrett Adams)
- T-shirt competition!
- Need ideas on ways to sell campus merchandise.
- Open up student interaction to choose the design.

Communications (Toro Adeyemi)
- Absent.

Internal Development (Eric Wu)
- Want people to sit in their colleges
- College caucuses

Finance (Robert Piston)
- Why do we fund events and give out special allocations?
- Special allocations for any organization on campus that we see will make our student experience better.
- Like to hear thoughtful questions regarding allocations.
- Spirit of the allocation: unforeseen expense of the organization.
- (Meghan Nahass) Why do we fund repeat events?
Something that we’ll discuss in the near future.

Chair (Aaron Gross)
- Roberts Rule of the Week: Motion to reconsider

5:17 New Business from Committee

09-10 016: Special Allocation of $1000 to Kappa Alpha Theta
- Brought in a speaker
- Reimbursement.
- Need ¾ super majority
- Speaker was from Survivor
- Had to have his foot amputated and chose between two evils, set goals for himself. Thought is was a good choice
- High attendance.
- Many confirmed funding sources

5:21 Questions
5:21 Discussion
- (Ferrell) Did advertise to the entire community, not just Greeks.
- (Kuhn) What was the advertising—I hadn’t heard anything about it.
- (Adeyemi) Straw poll at the SDC reflected that only about a ¼ of them were aware of the event.

5:23 Move to vote. 19-3-2. Passed. $1000 to Kappa Alpha Theta

09-10 017: Special Allocation of $150 to Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity
- Grow-ember
- Grow a beard
- Full, partial, speed, goatee
- $5 or $10 entry fee
- All proceeds go to UPMC
- Judging done by an interview process
- Want to build a runway—expensive cost. As are awards and trophies.
- Mail results to the international beard competition
- Beard and Moustache Association of America

5:23 Questions
- How much did you donate last year?
  o About $1,100
- (Tuttle) Why are the judges all female?
  o Want female involvement.

5:27 Discussion
5:27 Move to vote. 21-0-4. $150 to Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity

Money Senate has left: $76, 443.60

5:29 09-10 018: Resolution to Replace Current Graffiti and Poster Policies with a Unified Document *(09-10 018 is offered only for comment and discussion at this meeting)*
- Want this to be a Senate/GSA policy
- Vote on next week of the week after
- Unified the graffiti and poster policies
- Chalking defined in Article III
Can only chalk with traditional chalk—and must be water soluble.
Outside organizations can poster with a campus sponsor
Campus sponsor gets charged with all of the violations
Added the duties of the postering policy administrator
Must remove posters within 72 hours of the poster’s end date.
Working on the fines and appeals aspect—currently have basic language but needs work.

5:34 Questions
(Tuttle) Would prefer one poster per organization
(Ferrell) Cause problems for organizations that put on events for a week.
(Tuttle) Clarify exposed to the elements—like the Wean Patio.
  o Example, “not shielded”
Who deems it not removable? Also should state within a certain amount of time...
  o Student Senate enforces the policy.
(Tuttle) Difficult to enforce policy of taking down posters because there are so many. Want to start anew.
It’s against policy to poster over another organization’s poster.
(Morris) What about advertisements for roommates?
  o If it’s not for an organization, they need to post on a public bulletin board.
(Lu) What if a poster doesn’t have a date?
  o If the poster has no effective end date, it has to be down within 30 days.
Will have a warning period and the campus life will put poster guidelines on each bulletin board.
(Tuttle) What will the fines be?
  o Was $5 per poster.
(Lu) Where do the funds from the fines go?
  o To defray the cost of the program—like paying the postering administrator.
(Will) How are we going to let groups know that it is going to change?
  o Will probably warn a group first with a grace period and then fine.
  o Would reset each semester.
(Abimbola) Make it a publicity policy?
  o Although it does not cover facebook or other means of publicity.
(Tuttle) Maybe call it our vandalism policy?
(Morris) Who do we report vandalism to?
  o University Police.
Since we have a paid position—poster policy administrator, let them do it.
(Ferrell) Could increase fines.
Fines and appeal policy is standard language.
Maybe suspend their abilities to advertise.
Don’t want to exert oversight over things that are directed by Student Affairs.
(Ferrell) Could add something about a review process.
  o There is a clause that says posters cannot be excessively vulgar or libelous.
Destruction of the fence is considered vandalism.
Administration will not get involved with the fence (policy, guidelines) because it’s a student space.
(Kolodziej) Are we changing the name of the policy?
(Abimbola) Look at what other schools are doing.
6:02 Ex-Officio Reports—Rotimi Abimbola, Student Body President

- Working closely with Senate and GSA.
- Tartans Awards program (TRP)—reward students for being loyal to the community.
- Great way to get larger attendance at events
- For athletic and academic event.
- Mayoral elections are coming up in early November.
- Are appealing to the candidates to talk to students in Pittsburgh.
- Important for students to exercise their right to vote.
- Plan on doing a major event for finals week
- G-20 awareness fair was successful
- Pushing student government to with organizations.
- Relay for life—want to put together a student government relay for life team.
- (Adeyemi) Thought the G-20 fair was a lot of fun.
- (Ferrell) Residents really like TRP.
- Need to keep up the PR on TRP.
- How does TRP work?
- You get rewards for attending events. Like for attending 3 events, you get a t-shirt.
- Office hours: Friday noon, move to black chairs when it gets too cold.
- Thinking for beginning a campus heroes program—get a plaid heart.

6:15 New Business from the Floor

Vacancy Elections (5 CFA, 1 TSB, 3 MCS, 2 CIT)

- 6:18 Speech by Torffick Abdul
- 6:20 Questions for Torffick Abdul
- 6:24 Speech by Abhi Jain
- 6:26 Questions for Abhi Jain
- 6:29 Speech by Varun Deshpande
- 6:30 Questions for Varun Deshpande
- 6:32 Discussion
- 6:38 Move to Vote on CIT. Both elected.
- 6:39 Discussion
- 6:40 Move to vote on MCS. Elected.

6:42 Ratification of 2009-2010 JFC Slate

- (Tuttle) Why do you want to be in JFC?
- (Yang) Want to see what people want to accomplish on campus.
- (Wu) Have done everything except something finance related at CMU.
- (Nara) Want a really diverse committee. Want someone from every college and every year. 7 females and 10 males.

6:45 Discussion

- (Abimbola) Nara put a lot of effort into this. Lots of advertising and outreach.
- (Ferrell) Is this the cap number?
  - 10 is the maximum, feel strongly confident in all.

6:47 Move to vote. Passed.

6:48 Points of Discussion

- Faculty Course Evaluations
  - Created by PiKa
b. Want them to be useful
c. Students should take over the faculty evaluation process
d. Perhaps have scheduleman do the course evaluations?
e. (Morris) Why do FS want students to take over and not collaborate?
f. A possible collaboration but students mostly responsible.
g. Basic role is to get people to use them—if we think it is valuable.
h. (Adams) Why does it have to be only online? If there given out in class there will probably be a higher response rate.
i. (Ferrell) Holding grades until they fill out their evaluations.
j. Main problem is that they are given during finals week.
k. Time period has been extended to go through finals week.
l. (Kolodziej) I like Timi’s idea of making it mandatory.
m. (Ferrell) Incentives would be wasting resources.
n. (Morris) Did not know where to look for them—would be easier to find if it was through scheduleman.
o. (Ferrell) Have a “prefer not to answer” option.
p. (Kuhn) Some majors have a strict curriculum and can’t avoid certain professors.
q. (Mikhael) Professors can incorporate the criticism and become better. If everyone does it the results would definitely be enhanced.
r. (Piston) Show competency to be able to teach student. FCEs are a good way to show a quantitative measurement.
s. If they already have tenure, this is a way to give critical
t. (Mikhael) The departments review the feedback as well—their superiors see the criticism.

b. College Caucuses Update
   a. Choosing a chair and thinking of ideas for your college.

c. SAC Updates
d. Vandalism
   a. (Morris) 6th girls bathroom in Wean—offensive vandalism.
   b. Call Campus Police to report incidents.
      • (Gross) Who would be interested in a list of people you represent? Will pursue the issue.
      • (Ferrell) There isn’t one SHS d-list
      • (Wu) What are thoughts on non members serving on committees?
      • (Adams) Should be the discretion of the committee—may bring in conflicts of interests.
      • (Benatuli) Nice to have a fresher point of view.
      • (Lu) Can we sign people up for the d-list without their permission?

7:11 Second Roll Call/Announcements
a. StuGov Relay for Life team—Sign up!
b. Midsemester Evaluations

7:32 PM: Adjourn